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DESCRIPTION

METHOD FOR PRODUCING OXIDE SUPERCONDUCTOR, OXIDE
SUPERCONDUCTOR AND SUBSTRATE MATERIAL FOR SUPPORTING PRECURSOR
OF THE SAME

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a method for producing an oxide superconductor, an oxide superconductor and a substrate material for supporting the precursor thereof. Furthermore, the present application is claimed on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-15208, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND ART

When a large, bulk-shaped oxide superconductor having a diameter of several tens of millimeters or more is solidified by slow-cooling from a partially molten state to promote crystal growth, for example, methods like that described below are generally employed. One example thereof is that a bulk-shaped precursor of an oxide superconductor is formed, and then it is supported by a rod-shaped material, a substrate or a sheet-shaped material which is placed below the precursor and is composed of a heat-resistant material such as Al₂O₃, YSZ